GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA

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Purchase of Paddy
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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the farmers in the State of Jharkhand have suffered substantial lossesue to non-purchase procurement of paddy at Minimum Support Price during the year 2015-16 as there were no purchase procurement centres in the State; (b) if so, the reasons therefor along with the response of the Government thereto; and (c) the special efforts made to set up purchase procurement centres for paddy and to procure maximum quantity of paddy at Minimum Support Price in coming years?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI C. R. CHAUDHARY) (a), (b) & (c) No, Madam. Food Corporation of India along with State Government Agencies had opened 455 purchase centres in Jharkhand Region for smooth procurement of paddy during Kharif Marketing Season (KMS) 2015-16. Furthermore, private players were also engaged for procurement operations for enhancing the outreach of Minimum Support Price to farmers. During KMS 2014-15 and 2015-16 a total quantity of 0.02 Lakh Metric Ton (LMT) and 2.06 LMT of rice respectively was procured in Jharkhand Region. The number of Procurement Centres operated during KMS 2014-15 and 2015-16 are as under:-

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KMS 2014-15
KMS 2015-16
FCI
10
25
State agency
886
229
Private player
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201
Total
896
455